

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 11, 12, 22, and 23 are pending in this application.

Applicant has canceled claims 24-26. The cancellation of these claims does not introduce any new matter.

**Allowed Claims**

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 11, 12, 22, and 23. In light of the cancellation of claims 24-26 herein, the subject application is in condition for immediate allowance.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

In the Office Action, claims 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Hyodo et al.* (US 7,034,881 B1). As noted above, claims 24-26 have been canceled herein. As such, this anticipation rejection is moot.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, the subject application is in condition for allowance because all of the pending claims have been allowed. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP057).

Respectfully submitted,  
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